THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE

Trustees of Shaw University

AND THE

SECRETARY OF THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

RALEIGH, N. C., *May 31, 1900.*

DEAR BRETHREN:—On this closing day of the fiscal year I herewith submit to you my sixth annual report, which is the thirty-fifth since the establishment of the institution. The enrolment of students for the year ended to-day is 381. This does not include the enrolment in the night school, which reached 170, though 40 were present so short a time that I deem it best to consider the night school enrolment 130, making the total in all departments 511. Through contributions of friends, and by careful management, we close the year without any indebtedness. The collections from students have not been quite as large as last year, but the major part of the balance due will be paid at the opening of the new year.

Quite a number of improvements has been made. A new brick sidewalk has been built along Blount street in front of the Missionary Training School, and twenty shade trees have been set out on the Shaw campus. A school-room on the second floor of Shaw building was remodelled, and on the same floor two rooms were very conveniently fitted up for a library and consultation room. The entire ground floor of Shaw, with the exception of one room, is now remodelled and fitted up into convenient and attractive school-rooms. This was made possible by contributions from friends in the North. In these rooms the night schools were carried on for the larger portion of the school year. These schools were for males, whose ages varied from ten to sixty seven years. Professor Bruce of the College Department, assisted by Dr. Roberts of the Normal Department, and Professor Tolman of the Industrial Department, conducted the work, aided by a large number of students in our professional departments, who served without pay.

These schools were very acceptable and popular and should be continued for many years.

In my last report, I called attention to the need of increased facilities in the Industrial Department and to the statement of Dr. Curry, that unless additional facilities were provided the appropriation from the Slater Fund would be decreased or entirely cut off. I regret to inform you that the appropriation by the trustees of the Slater Fund has been reduced $500 for the next school year. Dr. Curry is pleased with the work that we have done, but wants it carried farther, and steps ought to be taken at once to this end. I hardly think the trustees of the John F. Slater Fund understand that outside of our professional departments students are admitted only on condition that they will devote each day the required time to the Industrial Department. The best test of the methods of any educational institution is the career of the men and women sent out. Shaw was established thirty-five years ago, and she has held on her way quietly and unostentatiously. Her former students and graduates are found in all Southern and some of the Northern States, and almost without exception they are quiet, orderly and law-abiding citizens, respected by the best white and colored people. In many instances they have neat, attractive homes and well ordered households and some are possessed of considerable property.

Other needed improvements are those that I named in my report last year: a central heating plant, an electric light plant, enlargement of the laundry, and the erection of a hospital with a nurse training school attached. The dormitories in Shaw Hall need considerable attention and it will require $1,000 or $1,200 to put them in good condition. One thousand dollars should be expended in remodeling and refitting and providing modern facilities for the Missionary Training School. The Chicago Society has complained, and yet I have been unable to make the needed changes on account of lack of funds. Estey Hall is now,

with the exception of a few minor repairs, in a most excellent condition, both from the standpoint of convenience and sanitation.

I ought to inform you that the city of Raleigh is making extensive improvements in its streets. The city authorities require the abuttor to pay for the sidewalk and one-fourth of the cost of macadamizing the driveway. During the next six months nearly if not quite a thousand dollars will be needed to meet the demands of the city.

I have made several campaigns this year in the North in the interest of Shaw and have found everywhere the institution well known, and nearly everybody approached made some contribution, though in nearly every instance it was small. I have never been in the North soliciting funds, when I have found so many agents from other fields at work, and this, together with the efforts put forth for the Union University of Virginia, have brought less returns than I hoped for, though I have faith to believe that the increased knowledge of the institution imparted and the acquaintances formed, will prove valuable. There are at the present time several good unpaid contributions, and with the money on hand there is probably enough in sight to fit up the Chemical Laboratory in the Leonard Medical Building and refit the operating room in the same building. We have received during the year from the Odell estate $445.32, to be used for the institution under the direction of the President. When this money is expended a detailed statement, with proper vouchers, will be forwarded.

Thirty five students have been graduated from all departments, and the year from the standpoint of scholarship and character has been one of the best.

The changes made a few years ago in our Theological Department are already bearing fruit. Four young men of good ability and most excellent character were graduated from this department, and we expect now a class will be sent out each year.

I can not close this report without bearing testimony to the faithfulness and efficiency of the Faculty in each department, and also to the character and deportment of the student body at large. It is a remarkable, but true statement that during the entire year we have not had occasion to suspend or expel even one student, and there has been no case of discipline brought to the attention of the Faculty. There have, of course, been offences, but they were all of a minor nature and were handled very quietly and effectively.

This report should not close without some reference to the reports so frequently seen in the press concerning the colored people in North Carolina and throughout the South, for our students are drawn from the entire Southland. Whenever a negro commits a crime it is heralded throughout the land, but little, if anything, is ever said about the large number of quiet, law abiding, Christian men and women that are found in every community. When inquiry is made concerning these men and women, it will be found in the majority of cases they have some education and have received all or a large part of this education in schools established by the Home Mission Societies of the various religious denominations. It is not true that educated colored men and women are criminals and that they are made worse by education. It is a fact among the colored race, as among the white, that they who have received the best intellectual, moral and Christian training in educational institutions are the quietest, the most orderly, the most peaceable, and the most highly respected. I have yet to learn, through all these recent trying times, of a graduate of Shaw University who has been arrested for the committing of any crime or who has been other than a quiet, law abiding citizen.

I append herewith my financial report that has this day been forwarded to Mr. Frank R. Hathaway, Treasurer:

Medical Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$1,295.00
Board	3,162.79
Contributions	389.21
Old accounts	191.93
Slater Fund	1,000.00
J. W. Leonard Fund	87.50
	6,126.43

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	$100.00
Boarding department	295.56
Repairs	111.05
Special improvements	46.64
James McKee, salary	550.00
A. W. Knox	550.00
K. P. Battle	550.00
W. I. Royster	550.00
R. H. Lewis	275.00
J. M. Pickel	550.00
A. W. Goodwin	550.00
Nurses at Hospital	153.50
Gratuities—cash	59.00
Medicines, drugs, etc., for Hospital	100.92
Diplomas, printing, etc	63.95
Traveling expenses	274.20
Surplus	1,346.61
	6,126.43

Law Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$260.00
Board	476.85
Old accounts	37.50
Contributions	72.50
Deficiency	43.25
	890.10

EXPENDITURES.

E. A. Johnson, salary	$550.00
R. H. Battle	115.00
Special improvements	33.75
For students' labor	91 35
Fuel	75.00
Catalogs, printing, etc	25.00
	890.10

Pharmacy Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$280.00
Board	414.60
Old accounts	2.25
Contributions	50.00
	746.85

EXPENDITURES.

Wm. Simpson, salary	$550.00
For students' labor	44.50
Fuel	75.00
Catalogs, printing, etc	25.00
Surplus	52.35
	746 85

Literary Department.

RECEIPTS.

Tuition	$2,342.11
Board	5,839.56
Contributions	1,341.68
Old accounts	184.13
All other sources	67.00
Deficiency	1,355.71
	11,130.19

EXPENDITURES.

School supplies	$365.25
Boarding department	5,417.96
Repairs	2,083.49
Special improvements	1,171.06
For students' labor	290 10
Salaries	312.66
Gratuities in rebates	312 58
Traveling expenses, catalogs, printing, stationery, etc	952.09
Note to Citizens National Bank	225.00
	11,130.19

Salaries, Literary and Industrial Departments.

RECEIPTS.

Appropriation from the American Baptist Home Missionary Society	$7,840.00
John F. Slater Fund	1,500.00
Woman's Society, Chicago	680.00
	11,020.00

EXPENDITURES.

Charles F. Meserve	$2,000.00
N. F. Roberts	650.00
N. C. Bruce	650.00

EXPENDITURES—*Continued.*

M. D. Bowen	$500.00
C. W. Jewett	900.00
A. W. Pegues	800.00
Lizzie B. Gibbs	500.00
Margaret L. Hamilton	400.00
Ella C. Pegues	400.00
Ida J. Brown	450.00
Abby L. Williams	360.00
Charlotte Murray	480.00
Gilbert Tolman	600.00
Rev. C. M. Emery	650.00
Emma L. Miller	360.00
May C. Hamilton	320.00
	10,020.00

SUMMARY.

RECEIPTS.

Medical Department	$6,126.43
Law Department	846.85
Pharmacy Department	746.85
Literary Department	9,774.48
Appropriations for salaries	10,020.00
	27,514.61

EXPENDITURES.

Medical Department	$4,779.82
Law Department	890.10
Pharmacy Department	694.50
Literary Department	11,130.19
Salaries: Literary, Industrial and Missionary Training Departments	10,020.00
	27,514.61

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES FRANCIS MESERVE,
President.